

## DAVIDSON OPENS CAMPAIGN; DECLARES FOR LOCAL OPTION

Waco, Tex., April 21.—Following an announcement late yesterday that Judge George Clark would not introduce R. V. Davidson here this afternoon when he opened the campaign for governor, Davidson, this morning, sent word to Judge Clark asking for a conference. Clark was asked to introduce Davidson several days ago, but after a conference with state senator Holsey, yesterday it was given out that the introduction by Clark would not take place. It is reported authentically today that two members of the local Davidson committee will resign on account of the action of Holsey. A special train from Cisco arrived this morning with 500 Davidson adherents. Among the prominent visitors here today were Mrs. Cone Johnson, Tyler Rawlins Colquitt, son of O. R. Colquitt, Tom Connelly of Martin; J. L. Churlin, of Hamilton; Bob Barker,

of San Antonio, and controller J. W. Stephens, of Austin.

**The Speech.**

Almost at the beginning of the address here this afternoon, R. V. Davidson complimented Judge George Clark, who was to have introduced him but whose introduction was opposed by Davidson's managers.

Davidson jumped at once into the issues, declaring that meat and bread were problems of much more importance than the prohibition problem, and declared that a man of one idea, one issue, or one faction is not the man for governor.

For the first time Davidson announced that he is directly opposed to state wide prohibition. He favors local option and believes the submission of a constitutional amendment to the voters would be a wise move. He also said statutory prohibition is unconstitutional.

He defended his record as attorney general lengthily and declared his opponents were "toy soldiers" who were

silent during the fight against the trusts but are now anxious to tell their views. Davidson emphatically denied that the trusts he drove out of the state are now back and robbing the people as alleged.

The speaker also denied receiving any money for antitrust litigation and said the statement that he received any funds were malicious falsehoods.

Davidson declares he favors the reclamation and agricultural development of Texas.

**Introduced by McCollum.**

A. R. McCollum, chairman of the local Davidson committee, introduced Mr. Davidson at the Auditorium this afternoon when the latter fired the first gun in the gubernatorial campaign.

Messages of a friendly character passed between Davidson and Judge Clark and it is expected that they will meet later today. Clark does not blame Davidson for his manager's refusal to permit him to introduce Davidson.

## MINERS ARE CAUGHT BY EXPLOSION

No Relief Given Men Caught  
In Alabama Coal Mine.  
Rescue Cut Off.

## EFFORTS TO PUMP AIR TO THE MEN

Birmingham, Ala., April 21.—Not one of the 41 men imprisoned last night in the Mulga mine of the Birmingham Iron and Coal company is alive. This word was brought to the surface this afternoon to waiting and weeping families of the victims when, unconscious from deadly gas, shaft superintendent Johnson, who risked their lives for those already perished, were drawn back to the fresh air after going down in the mine.

Birmingham, Ala., April 21.—Little hope was expressed this morning that any of the 35 or 40 miners entombed in Mulga, a mine of the Birmingham Coal and Iron company as a result of the explosion about 9 o'clock last night, will be rescued alive, when it was learned that the men were still in the shaft because the cages had sprung. The passage entrance was then sealed to prevent if possible a spread of the fire.

Shortly after midnight, the hospital car Tennessee of the company was rushed to the scene, equipped with gas helmets and other necessary paraphernalia for entering the gaseous mine. Hospital ambulances were also sent from Ensley and Birmingham, the scene, which is about 12 miles northwest of Birmingham.

The only list of names of miners at work at the time of the explosion was held by the foreman of the gang at work, and he is among the entombed. It is believed, however, that there are about 15 white men and 20 to 25 negroes.

The mine has been in operation about two years and was considered a model of its kind.

The fact that the flames shot from the mouth of the shaft to a height of 15 feet leads to the belief that the explosion occurred near the bottom of the main shaft, cutting off any means of escape for the miners.

The cages in the shaft of the mine were so badly sprung by the force of the explosion that they are useless and all other means adopted by rescue parties in an effort to reach the entombed men have proved futile.

**Village Shaken.**

Following the explosion flames spread up the shaft for a distance of 400 feet.

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## SLAYER OVERPOWERED BY POSSE AFTER FIGHT

Eastland, Tex., April 21.—Marshall Jordan, the slayer of Pink Broughton near here Tuesday night, was captured after a fight by a posse of 40 men four miles south of Carbon creek, at 2 o'clock this morning.

When seized, both barrels of his shotgun were cocked, but he was apparently afraid to pull the trigger. Jordan was traced from the scene of the murder to his own home where he was besieged. He opened fire upon the officers who emptied their guns at him and then returned to Eastland for ammunition and reinforcements.

Jordan then attempted to escape, putting his family in a wagon and starting to the home of his father, 10 miles distant. He was overhauled and driven from the wagon into the woods, where a number of shots were exchanged. Guy Hill was shot in the arm and Jordan was wounded in the face, but not seriously.

When Jordan was captured, some proposed to hang him to a tree immediately, but officers hurried him from Eastland county before their purpose could be carried out.

Jordan admits he killed Broughton, but refuses to give any cause, claiming it was accidental. Jordan was in an asylum for 15 years.

## CHINESE BURNING FOREIGN MISSIONS

Peking, China, April 21.—The lawlessness of natives which began at Chung Shu, the capital of Hunan province, is reported to be spreading.

Advices received here say that riots occurred at Ning Ssang, the site of a Protestant mission 30 miles west of Chung Shu, and that the mission school at Y Yang, 20 miles north of Ning Ssang, has been burned.

Foreigners are said to have escaped harm.

## TORTURE DOGS IN MURDER TRIAL MURDERER FACES TRIAL INDIFFERENTLY



Ruth Wheeler.  
Does not Quiver Even at the  
Sight of the Body He  
Tried to Burn.

New York, N. Y., April 21.—No prisoner on trial for his life in the New York courts is ever remembered to have faced such an array of hostile facts and heartrending testimony with such stolid indifference as did Albert Wolter when, confronted with the charred fragments of the body that was once Ruth Wheeler, whom he is charged with luring to her death in his flat.

Philip O'Hanlon, a coroner's physician, testified that Ruth Wheeler had been attacked before she was murdered, and that there was still life in her body when it had been soaked with kerosene, jammed up the chimney and set afire. He had found human hair not her own adhering to the burned fingers, and root in her lungs.

During the testimony Wolter sat listlessly scanning the jurors, the gruesome exhibits themselves, and his lawyer.

He gave no sign of emotion when Adelaide Wheeler, 15 years old and said to bear an extraordinary resemblance to her dead sister, took the stand.

With perfect poise, the girl identified a brand of artificial hair that had been her sister's, bits of underclothing that she knew by their texture, jewelry that Ruth had worn and, lastly, a seal ring engraved with Ruth Wheeler's initials, which was found on the body.

The prosecution will contend that this clinches beyond doubt previous identification.

## SEIZURE OF PESOS; JUAREZ COLLECTOR FACES COURT

## OFFICIALS ASSAILED

Charges have been preferred against Adolfo A. Berca, collector of customs at Juarez, and his chief inspector, Desiderio A. Paredes, as a result of the detention Saturday night of Anselmo Granados, at present holding license as a rural officer, and a former employee of the National Railways of Mexico, was detained by customs officers over Sunday last, but released on the following Monday. At his home was found \$2000 in Mexican pesos, at present held by the collector on the suspicion that the money is contraband by virtue of the peculiar Mexican law regarding the importation of silver tender.

According to the allegations against the two officials, the home of Granados on Calle Chamizal was visited at about 11 o'clock Saturday night, April 16; the two officials, with the assistance of a subordinate, took papers and money belonging to the resident, entered the room where his wife and children were sleeping and finally confined Granados at the customs house until 6 o'clock Monday night, when he was released by order of Judge Arnulfo Miranda, of the district court.

All this, the complainant alleges through his attorneys, was done without due process of law. Hence the charges against the collector.

Silver pesos are dutiable, according to a Mexican law passed November 23, 1904, to the degree of \$15 per kilo. This law was passed in view of the surplus of pesos in European and Asiatic countries, which could be procured at about 40 cents and imported at a set profit of the difference up to 50 cents gold. The seizure of Granados' money was based on a suspected violation of this law. Federal court authorities this morning announced that the investigation against Granados had produced nothing further than his possession of the money, hence his release after a 24 hour detention.

## LOUISVILLE IS FULL OF BISHOPS

## Church Extension Board of Methodist Church Is in Session.

Louisville, Ky., April 21.—When the board of church extension of the Methodist church south resumed its sessions today, all bishops of the denomination were present with the exception of bishop Fitzgerald, who is absent because of ill health. Bishops Candler, of Atlanta and Key, of Sherman, Tex., were the last to arrive.

At noon today the members of the board were guests at a dinner by the Louisville Convention and Publicity League, and tonight there will be a public reception at one of the churches, where a number of bishops will speak.

The session will conclude tomorrow with a meeting of the college of bishops when bishop Hendrick will read an address reviewing the work of the church during the past year, which he has prepared for submission to the general conference.

## GLIDDEN PATHFINDER IS RUNNING IN GOOD WEATHER

Memphis, Tex., April 21.—Under the most favorable weather conditions the Glidden tour pathfinder, left here promptly at 9 o'clock, on the journey to Helena, Ark. It will go thence to Little Rock, with Dallas as its objective point.

## TEXAN IS SHOT.

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## PRESIDENT TAFT ENTERTAINS WOMEN

## Daughters of American Revolution Throng White House—Large At- tendance.

Washington, D. C., April 21.—There was a full attendance of delegates when the morning session of the 19th continental congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution opened today.

Fred Barnes, a negro barber, shot and killed Albert Washington, a negro saloon porter in the Elite saloon on South Oregon street on the night of July 5, 1909, and seriously wounded John Moreland, another attache of the place. Barnes said the two men had attacked him and he shot in self defense.

For two days he hid in a house in the southern part of the city and while deputy sheriffs were waiting for him to come out, he walked to the county jail at 9:30 at night and surrendered to the authorities.

Bond was arranged for, he was indicted and again gave bond; the case was twice postponed on account of the absence of witnesses and finally the case went to trial Monday afternoon, being presented to the jury for its consideration Tuesday and a verdict being reached Thursday morning.

John Moreland, a witness much wanted by the state, was not here.

The jury which tried Barnes was composed of: F. E. Sawyer, Sam Williams, A. P. Fagan, Tom White, R. B. Vandewater, A. J. Davis, B. F. Beatty, T. J. Rankin, R. Sukerman, Charles Schaeffer, L. E. Harrison, J. M. McAtee.

## SERIOUS ACCIDENT MARS Celebration of School Chil- dren at Dallas.

Dallas, Tex., April 21.—Richard Duncan and Malcolm Greer, two boys, were seriously injured this morning when they were accidentally shot by Will Brown, another youth, during the San Jacinto day picnic of school children in Oak Cliff. The boy did not know the gun was loaded.

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## THE HOBBO AND THE DOG; ALSO SPRING

Just a Little Incident In an El Paso Park

Nobody cared to speak to him, nor even to look at him. He was that shabby. Only a policeman glanced at him sitting there on a bench in San Jacinto plaza, but the policeman only looked at him because of duty, nothing more.

The man was at the very bottom, a down and outer, a tramp, a hobo, a bum. He knew it and did not care, especially since nobody else seemed to care. He did not see the grass and the trees breathe under the evening sun; he did not hear the birds' faint twitter; he only saw the dusty street; felt the scorching sun; heard the rumble of the city.

The dog was a tramp, too, an ordinary, low-lived, yellow dog, with a croak in his tail, and scuffed face and ears. As the dog trotted past, the man spoke from where he sat on the bench and the dog stopped with that sudden canine jerk of suspicion.

"Ho ho," greeted the man, extending his hand in greeting. Now it must have been that some time the dog had a man friend who had trained him to do manlike tricks, as men friends of dogs usually do. Anyway, the dog extended his paw, and the man grasped it. Then the dog trotted away, just the same common yellow cur that he was.

But the man had chanced. A flash covered his face, a blush from some strange source. And for the first time he turned his gaze from the dirty street, and gazed long at the grass, and the trees. The birds began to sing, and it was spring.

## FROGS WILL ALSO BE KILLED

Prosecution and Defence in  
Hyde Case to Demonstrate  
Poisoning to Jury.

## EVIDENCE LOST BY PROSECUTION

Defence Gains Possession of  
It and Creates Courtroom  
Sensation.

Kansas City, Mo., April 21.—Dogs and frogs are expected to play an important part in convicting or freeing Dr. Hyde on the charge of murder. The state has announced its intention of demonstrating the action of strychnine by poisoning a frog with the drug before the eyes of the jury.

Toxicologists have been employed by the defence to poison six dogs for the purpose of studying the effects of strychnine upon them. Some canines being given one-fiftieth of a grain of strychnine four times a day others to receive a smaller amount of the poison. Some dogs will be permitted to die from the drug and others will be killed and the digestive organs of the animals used by the defence in presenting its case to the jury.

**Sensation in Court.**

A stormy court room scene in which many lawyers addressed the court at the same time, handled charges of unfairness among themselves, the bond of Dr. Hyde was almost revoked, and attorneys for the defence threatened, upon certain conditions, to attempt impeachment of state witnesses, marked the Hyde murder trial this afternoon. And the trouble arose over an attack of prosecutor Conkling's office losing the grand jury notes on the testimony to Dr. Walter S. Haines and 42 other state witnesses. A woman found the notes and gave them to Frank P. Walsh, chief counsel for Dr. Hyde.

**No Poison in Viscera.**

These notes, according to Mr. Walsh, contain a statement of Dr. Haines that no cyanide of potassium was found in the viscera of Col. Swope and that not enough poison was found in Chrisman Swope's viscera to cause death.

"If Dr. Haines swears on the witness stand to any alleged facts other than the statement of Dr. Haines that no cyanide of potassium was found in the viscera of Col. Swope and that not enough poison was found in Chrisman Swope's viscera to cause death, the prosecutor Conkling admits this is the testimony Dr. Haines gave before the grand jury, and avers that later the chemist found traces of cyanide of potassium in both Swope's viscera. He will testify to this, says Mr. Conkling.

Attorney Walsh declared he had in his possession papers containing notes of the testimony of Dr. Walter S. Haines given before the grand jury which showed that the scientist had declared that no cyanide of potassium was found in the stomach of Col. Swope.

These papers, Mr. Walsh said, had been found in a street by a woman and turned over to him.

**Refuses to Answer.**

Mr. Walsh's assertion followed a demand of the court for Mr. Walsh to tell whether he had in his possession papers belonging to the state.

"I refuse to answer," shouted Walsh. "Then bring in the jury," said Judge Lathaw, striking the desk with his fist.

Mr. Walsh rushed forward to the bench and made his startling statement. "The order for the jury to be returned was rescinded."

"A man holding papers belonging to the state is no better than a thief," said the court hotly.

Pointing toward the jail adjoining

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## REPUBLICANS AFTER SCALP OF CECIL LYON

San Antonio, Tex., April 21.—The Republican association of Texas is meeting here today, Duncan Mackay, of San Antonio, presiding. Delegates from all the larger cities and many smaller ones are attending.

The resolutions adopted request the National Republican executive committee to appoint a sub committee to investigate party affairs in Texas in an effort to oust Cecil Lyon from the party management.

The meeting today decided to recognize no negro delegates but permit them to have an affiliated organization.

## FIVE TRAIN ROBBERS ESCAPE FROM PRISON.

Leavenworth, Kans., April 21.—Five train robbers serving life sentences escaped today from the federal prison, near here. Within a short time two of the men were recaptured and at 11 a. m. three others were surrounded in the brush within a short distance of the prison, and it is believed all will be taken.

## FAILS TO DEATH.

Shreveport, La., April 21.—J. J. Fisher, a well drilled, fell from the top of a derrick and was instantly killed in Caddo City today.

## Babies Take The Lead

THIS is a little story of a child whose heart is right and whose hand is quick. It is Thursday morning very early. He is only two years old and not high enough to see over the counter of The Herald office. He walks sturdily in and through the office to the news department, with two silver dollars held tightly in a very small fist. He looks up confidently at the clerk, and his nurse lifts him so he can see behind the works. He insists on handing the clerk his two silver dollars, with his own dimpled hands, and the nurse explains that this is master Bertram Heil Hirsch and that he wants to contribute \$2 of his own money to "Help Save the Babies."

Little Max Fischer Krakauer sends \$15 to the fund, and this brings the total so far subscribed up to \$101.50. So less than \$400 is needed (in addition to what the city and county may do) to insure carrying on the work of baby saving during the hot months.

The appeal is very personal and real. Have you ever watched the long night through over the bedside of a sick baby? Cannot you give a dollar or two to spare some mother this terror?